



**MEETING MINUTES**

**NTAA STANDING MONTHLY MEETING  
March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**NTAA Executive Committee: Primary and Alternate Representatives in Attendance**

<b>Region 1</b>	<b>Bill Thompson</b>	<b>X</b>
	<b>Marvin Cling</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Region 2</b>	<b>Angela Benedict</b>	<b>X</b>
	<b>Steve Smith</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Region 4</b>	<b>Scott Hansen</b>	
	<b>Tiffany Lozada</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Region 5</b>	<b>Brandy Toft</b>	<b>X</b>
	<b>Joy Wiecks</b>	<b>X</b>

<b>Region 6</b>	<b>Craig Kreman</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Region 7</b>	<b>Billie Toledo</b>	<b>X</b>
	<b>Allison Gienapp</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Region 8</b>	<b>Randy Ashley</b>	<b>X</b>
	<b>Linda Weeks Reddoor</b>	

<b>Region 9</b>	<b>Wilfred J. Nabahe</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Region 10</b>	<b>Carol Kriebs</b>	<b>X</b>
	<b>Lucas Bair</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Alaska</b>	<b>Ann Wyatt</b>	<b>X</b>
	<b>Maranda Hamme</b>	

<b>EPA Representatives and others</b>		
<b>Pat Childers</b>	<b>OAR</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Tina Ndoh</b>	<b>OAQPS</b>	
<b>Secody Hubbard</b>	<b>IED</b>	

<b>NTAA Staff / Fiduciary Representatives</b>	
<b>Andy Bessler</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Dara Marks Marino</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Mariah Ashley</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Ryan Tsingine</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Mehrdad Khatibi</b>	<b>X</b>

<b>Ex-Officio Members / Others</b>	
<b>Ann Marie Chischilly, ITEP</b>	
<b>Chris Lee TAMS Center</b>	<b>X</b>
<b>Hayden Hardie, TAMS Center</b>	<b>X</b>

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<b>Mark Daniels</b>	<b>X</b>
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*X = present on the call*

**NTAA EC Standing Monthly Call  
Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
10 am AK / 2 pm ET**

**1. NTAA Executive Committee Caucus: EC, Staff, and invited guests for the first hour:**

- A. Invocation
- B. Roll Call of NTAA EC Members and Staff. EC Quorum reached.
  - i. NTAA Treasure and R4 Primary Rep would like to step down. NTAA is looking for a new Treasurer.
- C. Approval of Associate/Principle Member Applications
  - i. No application(s) at this time
- D. Approval of the January and Supplemental NTAA EC Meeting Notes
  - i. February 8 Meeting Minutes: Motion to approve Minutes with the same corrections: AK Primary; second R2 Primary. No abstentions, no objections. Motion passes.
  - ii. February 8 Meeting Summary: R9 Representative: Strike: no ex officio members. No R9 alternate, just representative. Capitalization corrections. Spelling errors. With those corrections, motion by R9 representative to approve summary. Second by R9 Primary. No abstentions, no objections. Motion passes.
  - iii. February Virtual Meeting Minutes: Still being drafted. Will send out email for review and approval
  - iv. February Virtual Meeting Summary: Still being drafted. Will send out email for review and approval
- E. Review of Mom’s Clean Air Force (MCAF) Fact Sheet
  - i. NTAA Program Coordinator: Sent draft document to the EC for review but has not received comments or suggestions yet. Will hold another meeting next Tuesday, March 16th, to begin finalizing the fact sheet. Once edits are made, it will be sent to the graphic designer. For the cover of the Fact Sheer, we are planning to contract a Native artist for the design of the fact sheet. And we may do future updates focusing on specific topic areas. Currently it is about 10 pages and will hopefully be done in the next month.
- F. Discussion of NTAA Proposed Policy Resource Kits and Policy Products

- i. Review and Approval of template letter: Indoor airPLUS Version 2 New Construction Specifications: Comments are due March 17th.

Motion to approve letter with corrections: R2 Primary, second R9 Rep. No abstentions, no objections. Motion passes.

- ii. Review of Spring Regulatory Agenda

<https://www.reginfo.gov/public/do/eAgendaMain>

NTAA Project Director: Expecting more advance warning from the Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards (OAQPS). Follow up: clear picture of what is coming and when. Work with the Policy Advisory Committee (PAC): several committee members are busy, cannot always find someone to do the work to draft letters. Bringing new members on is a good idea to prepare for upcoming legislation. Laura McKelvey? Leaving EPA in May, may be wise to invite her to the EC PAC. Will help us prepare for the onslaught of legislations to come.

- iii. Other Policy Issues EC members wish to address

Review and Approval of letter to Gina McCarthy: regarding how the White House is addressing climate change policy and making sure Tribes are involved. Pilar Thomas working on adding language to the letter but have not heard back from her on that. So, no letter reviews today. Hopefully sometime this week will have letter to send out for review and approval.

R1 Primary Rep: Will work with NTAA Project Director to send out a congratulatory letter to open dialogue, say hi to old friends. Work on after this call.

*EPA Representatives and others joined the call at 3:00 pm ET*

Joined by: Pat Childers (OAR), Mark Daniels (ITEP), Mehrdad Khatibi (ITEP), Tina Ndoh (OAQPS), and Secody Hubbard (IED)

## **2. NTAA/EPA Updates (if needed):**

### **A. NTAA Updates (from first hour of call)**

NTAA Project Director: We approved the meeting minutes and summary for February. We will be giving out the virtual notes later. We are seeking a new NTAA Treasurer. We talked about the fact sheet and its process with MCAF. We did approve the template letter, and we are still drafting the letter to Gina McCarthy.

### **B. EPA Updates**

- i. Virtual Meeting: The meeting went well. Joe Goffman, Alejandra Nunez, and Tomas Carbonell took heart in meeting everyone. Which is great, these are the players for the next four years on Tribal air, and Office of Air and ~~Radon Radiation~~ ~~Radon~~

(OAR), and probably the agency. Because Joe and Janet, have maintained a relationship throughout this entire timeframe.

Janet McCabe's hearing went really well. There were many Republicans still, who were critical of what the last Administration did, what Janet did with the Obama Administration and the Clean Power Plan (CPP). She caught some flak for that. Michael Regan will hopefully be voted in as an Administrator soon with more than likely dual-party support, so that is no problem. Janet McCabe may run into more issues just because of her history, but I think she will pass. Joe Goffman actually sat in on a couple of those meetings back in the day with Janet McCabe met with NTAA in back in those days.

Ale Nunez and Tomas Carbonell bring to us two partners that have been involved with the Sierra Club and the Environmental Defense Fund, because that is their background. So, you may want to pick their brain about how those organizations can help us out, because they have pretty loud voices as you know. They were very impressed, and they want to work with us more.

One thing that resonates with them is that making sure folks understand the sovereignty issues well. The differences between working with Tribal governance and working with environmental justice. Governance rules are discussions on a majority of what we talk about. I think we can go into the environmental justice world boldly and bravely and help out that cause. But when going into the EJ world we need to ensure issues like consultation and government-to-government relationships are maintained, increased, and grown.

Some say be cautious because we are seeing issues in Oklahoma with safety and McGirt where it goes back in forth. Anyway, I'd like to get your feedback on how you would like me to approach the issues of maintaining steadfast on sovereignty and consultation. One thing I am anxious to see is your raw notes from the NTAA EC meeting. Hoping they included in there something about what we heard and what we like to see from the other parties we met with.

Want to make sure there are deliverables for myself, for OAR leadership, for OEJ, and for other offices.

Working on the NTFAQ as always, need some help in getting some youth elders to record some sessions so maybe you all can help with that.

Rules: You all are pretty much up to speed with the agency. Executive Orders (EOs) moving forward. Does cause some pause: hard to say what will go forward and what will not. As an example, the E15 rule, a large part of that is going away. Not overly certain if that is the case with the underground storage tank. We do not have clear

directives on where we are heading. So, we are moving ahead with all of them in the workshop on E15. Be patient with us, and we will let you know as soon as we know what direction we are going to take.

### 3. NTAA Project Tasks and Updates

#### A. Review of Upcoming OEJ Webinar on March 10<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup>

- i. Review of upcoming OEJ webinar on March 11th and will send out final PowerPoint to the EC later this week. Will be great opportunity and will help showcase NTAA. Get folks invited to the NTFAQ who may not know about it. So, OEJ will be hosting that on a Teams platform, have yet to receive the link.

#### B. Debrief of NTAA Virtual Meeting

NTAA Project Director: Meeting notes are still being drafted. Will include action items for that meeting. One following up with OAQPS: get calendar invite going for regulatory review to get heads up about upcoming proposals both on paper and on calls. Pat Childers to work with OTAQ to do the same.

#### C. Review of NTAA Budget Projection

- i. NTAA Project Director: Overall the budget for two years of NTAA is \$670,00.00. These are transactions that we have paid for through February 29, 2021. These also include encumbrances from beginning of grant cycle through end of the 2nd year. \$38,00.00 left over. When estimated costs through the end of the year are added in, we are still in the black.

#### D. Update on NTAA Work Plan Tasks

- i. TAS outreach:  
NTAA Intern: Getting ready to send letters to the 72 Tribes on the list. Planning on meeting with possible presenters for the April 7th webinar and reached out to the Nation Tribal Water Council (NTWC).
- ii. Approval of Baseline Needs Assessment Request for Quotes  
NTAA Project Director: We are seeking approval for the contractor FAQ draft.  
R9 Primary Rep: should have done this in the last hour if we needed this done today.  
Can we do this by email? Consensus to approve via email.

**Action Item: Send FAQ draft to approve by noon Wednesday.**

#### iii. EC Update videos:

NTAA Program Coordinator: In loop between R1 Primary Rep and Kelsey Lee from Happy Accidents. This week they will produce a video with Region 1.

#### iv. Mobile App:

NTAA Project Director: Indicated on website that the Mobile App is free to download. Working with the app developer to fix minor things that we can do to improve. That is where we are at.

E. Work Group Updates:

- i. IAQ: Resource guide is in Secody Hubbard's hands; leading the effort to develop guide for Tribes for IAQ. Work group will provide input on content. Creating an update for STAR.
- ii. Wood Smoke: Finished STAR piece. Finishing stoves to home initiative. Catching up with WHERA, a lot of unknowns, hoping for some updates by next WG call. Concerns around testing procedures for woodstoves, inconsistencies. Difference between testing and usage.
- iii. Mobile Sources: Enjoyed last presentation on the future of mobile sources. Looking forward to more legislative perspective and Angela's implementation of VW funds.
- iv. STAR: Important deadlines are approaching. Story submissions due tomorrow. March 12th is the deadline for national program focus points. Excited to ask a Muscogee artist to create a cover, Jennifer Reyher is in contact with
- v. h artists. Couple of pieces are missing, but we are working on them.
- vi. NTFAQ Planning Committee: Planning call later this week, Breakout sessions: all accepted. Found a way to include them all. Finalizing contract with Open Water, who will have staff help during the conference. Need to get presenters to record their sessions so they can be pre-loaded.

**4. NTAA Staff Updates**

- A. Website Updates: Ran out of time to discuss.
- B. Review of NTAA Action Item Matrix: None at this time.

**5. Regional and Other Updates (*out of time*)**

- A. Tribal Air Monitoring Support (TAMS) Center: TAMS Steering Committee (SC) having spring meeting tomorrow and the next day. Taking input for TAMS needs assessment. TAMS SC will be selecting Virgil Masayeva award winner and new SC members.
- B. National Tribal Caucus (NTC) (*Out of time*)
- C. CAAAC
- D. ITEP VW Settlement Technical Assistance Program
- E. National Radon Action Plan
- F. AAPCA and NACAA
- G. Regional Updates

**Next EC Monthly Meeting: April 12, 2021**

*Craig Kemmer*

5/19/2021

